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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION VIII  
1860 LINCOLN STREET  
DENVER, COLORADO 80295

APR 27 1981

Ref: 8E-WE

Mr. Neldon Kunz  
Chief Engineer  
American Gilsonite Co.  
P. O. Box 28  
Bonanza, Utah 84008

Re: NPDES No. UT-0000167

Dear Mr. Kunz:

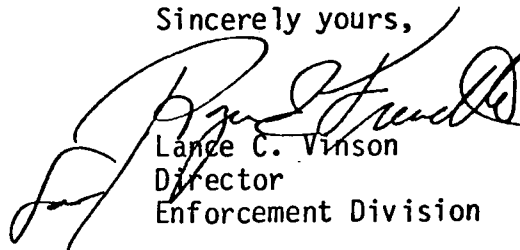
As you are aware, the NPDES permit previously issued to you by EPA expires by its own terms on June 30, 1981. Although you have applied for permit renewal, we will be unable to reissue the permit by that date. Consequently, there is an interim period between the expiration date contained in the previous permit and the time any renewal permit will be issued. Because you made a timely and sufficient application for permit renewal, under the provisions of EPA's May 19, 1980, Consolidated Permit Regulations (45 FR 33425, 40 CFR 122.5), there is an automatic continuation of the permit during the interim between expiration and renewal. You should be aware that, under the terms of this regulation, all of the requirements and conditions of your current permit will remain fully effective until the renewal permit is issued.

Any violations of the permit during the interim period are subject to enforcement action by the Agency. Additionally, at the discretion of the permit issuing official, your request for permit renewal can be denied on the basis of any failure to comply during the interim period. The denial would terminate the permit continuation and subject you to an enforcement action for discharge without a permit.

After we have completed an evaluation of the necessary information, including application Form 2C where applicable, a permit will be drafted and we will publish notice of our intent to reissue the permit. The draft permit will contain effluent limitations and other provisions reflecting the various requirements of the Clean Water Act. The public notice and related information will summarize the proposed permit and will allow thirty (30) days for public comments. A final permit will be issued sometime after the close of the public comment period.

The permit continuation, provided under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 558(c) and 40 CFR 122.5, will terminate upon issuance of the renewal permit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lance C. Vinson", is written over the typed name and title.

Lance C. Vinson  
Director  
Enforcement Division

cc: Utah Dept. of Health